

REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Drawing Objections

Applicant does not believe reference numbers are required. Applicant has not identified a requirement in the 37 C.F.R. for reference numbers in drawings. Rather, the only requirement identified is: "Reference characters not mentioned in the description shall not appear in the drawings." (37 CFR 1.84 (o)(5)).

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 11-12, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,0038,128 (hereinafter "Hood").

To anticipate a claims, the reference must teach every element of the claim. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. (Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) ¶ 2131.)

Applicant's independent claims 1, 6, and 11 include limitations not disclosed nor suggested by Hood. As a result, Hood does not anticipate applicant's independent claims 1, 6, and 11.

In particular, applicant's independent claims include the limitation, or a limitation similar thereto, of a set of apertures on a top surface of the docking station to align with a set of apertures on a bottom surface of a computer system, when the computer system is

docked, the set of apertures on the computer system having doors that remain closed when the computer system is undocked.

Hood does not disclose nor suggest the claimed limitation of a set of apertures on a top surface of the docking station to align with a set of apertures on a bottom surface of a computer system, when the computer system is docked, the set of apertures on the computer system having doors that remain closed when the computer system is undocked.

As a result of Hood failing to disclose or suggest applicant's claimed limitations, Hood does not anticipate applicant's independent claims 1, 6, and 11.

In addition, the remaining claims depend from one of independent claims 1, 6, and 11, and therefore include the distinguishing claim limitations of claims 1, 6, and 11, as discussed above. As a result, the remaining claims are also not anticipated by Hood.

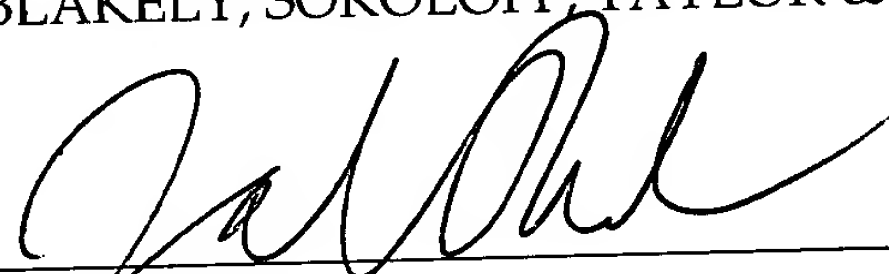
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN



John P. Ward
Reg. No. 40,216

Date: 08/04/2003

12400 Wilshire Boulevard
Seventh Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026
(408) 720-8300